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culosis in the last stage and 2 cases less far advanced and 1 case of specific hemiplegia.

To summarize, the points in favor of the Chinatown of Los Angeles are, first, the entire absence of cellars under the houses; second, the presence of abundant air space among the back yards; third, the small percentage of overcrowding. The points against Chinatown are, first, the absence of artificial drainage; second, the perfectly flat surface on which the town is built; third, the lack of paved sidewalks and streets; fourth, the large number of old wooden structures built flat on the ground; fifth, the presence of a large area of old wooden sidewalks; sixth, the presence everywhere of a large number of animals, particularly cats.

The conditions above mentioned have been protested against a great number of times, but without avail, by Health Officer Powers, who is an exceptionally earnest and capable sanitarian. While I believe Chinatown to-day to be in a very bad condition from a sanitary standpoint, I find considerable improvement during the past three months owing to Dr. Powers's untiring energy and the support which he has received at the hands of the board of health of this city. We found that three Chinamen have arrived in the past thirty days from the Chinatown of San Francisco. I personally examined 1 of these and found him to be in good health. The other 2, however, we were unable to find.

I leave to-morrow for San Francisco, via Fresno and Merced.

Respectfully,

L. E. COFER,

Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

El Paso, Tex., June 9, 1900.—I have the honor to submit the following summary of work at this station for the week ended June 9, 1900: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 213; inspection Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad passengers, 20; inspection of immigrants and their families, 23; disinfection of bedding, clothing, etc., of immigrants, 10; disinfection soiled linen, Pullman, from Mexico, 313; disinfection soiled linen imported for laundry, 244; vaccinations, 4.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., June 13, 1900.—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended June 9, 1900: Persons on Mexican National Railroad inspected and passed, 366; immigrants inspected and entered, 17; immigrants vaccinated, 8; immigrants refused entry, 2. June 4, refused entry to 1 Italian, 6 days out from Vera Cruz, Mexico; no baggage. June 9, refused entry to 5 persons from Tuxpan via Tampico; destination Louisiana; no baggage.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Smallpox situation in Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *June 11, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that since my last letter to you relative to the smallpox situation, dated May 29, 1900, 4 new cases have been reported and 2 have been discharged from the hospital, cured.